

Citizens + Coffee = Housing

[Vivre Saint Michel en santé](#) has long supported citizen participation in the Saint Michel Neighbourhood of Montreal, organizing training and engaging citizen leaders in many of its projects. VSMS recruited more citizen members and added a citizens' electoral college to its governance structure this summer, and, with partners, supported "citizen's cafés" where residents of the neighbourhood gathered to discuss and plan changes to their neighbourhoods.

Now the coffee chats have given birth to a new housing co-operative. A committee of citizens, working with a housing organization, Groupe CDH, has secured a building in the neighbourhood that could welcome 32 families in cooperative housing. Read more (in French) about Vivre St. Michel en santé [here](#).